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News Flash: The Cree forestry court case is in limbo.

Rumor Mill: The case is dropped.

The Truth: The Grand Chief called an emergency chiefs' meeting by request of the provincial negotiator, Chief Billy Diamond. The negotiator, who this year made Cree history by finally getting Quebec to agree to the MOU deal with the Crees, had bad news. The Quebec government was refusing to give the money because the Crees were showing "bad faith," as evidenced by the court case. "Billy," as one person put it, "wasn't getting much of a favourable response."

Of all the five chiefs in the meeting who represented the Cree communities involved in the court action, one couldn't make it, one had just been elected and wasn't up to par on the issue, two of them were represented by non-chiefs and the fifth was the provincial negotiator, who brought Quebec's demands to the meeting.

The Result: It was agreed to suspend the court action temporarily while negotiating with Quebec and Grand Chief Matthew Coon Come was instructed to write to Natural Resources Minister Guy Chevrette informing him of this.

My Response: What a sweet deal for Quebec. At the first sign of serious opposition the Cree leadership backs down, rolls over and submits to Quebec's demands. You have to ask why. Perhaps it was because a lot of the Cree communities had already started spending the promised \$15 million in MOU money, thereby opening themselves up to Quebec's blackmail. Kenny Blacksmith, former Deputy Grand Chief, warned about the potential of blackmail when the MOU was first signed. "It now appears as long as the Cree don't stand up and voice Cree rights... then Quebec will hand over a few dollars to keep us quiet," wrote Blacksmith (Vol. 5, No. 6, February 13, 1998).

At this point there are important questions that arise. First, this forestry court case was a much-talked-about issue. The five affected communities were consulted. People added their names as plaintiffs proudly. The Cree people were empowered. Given the change in attitude, I would ask that if local Cree government isn't about empowering the people, then why don't we just give it back to Indian Affairs? After all they were good at making bad decisions people didn't want. It would seem at last count that the Cree people in the five affected communities were heavily in favour of this court action. Should we not find out if this is a decision that the people want? Given the nature of the previous forestry community consultation process, would not a full discussion of the differing issues of the MOU and the forestry case be right and true to the people?

The second question is if any chief was so dependent on Quebec's handouts, wasn't it a conflict-of-interest for them to make this decision? Wouldn't they be less suited to make an impartial judgement in the best interests of the Cree people as a whole? It would be interesting to know how much of Quebec's money was spent and by who.

As for the Quebec government I feel nothing but shame and despise the iron hand within the velvet glove. I see the Great White Father manipulator rears his ugly head yet once again in this age of enlightenment. I ask, why should fundamental rights be subject to blackmail over a court case? Is this Quebec government not interested in justice? Should we not find out the rights and wrongs of the matter in a lawful and just fashion?

Instead, we get the message that if we do not do what they say, they will attack us on all fronts.

When I think of Quebec I know that, now and as in the past, they don't want justice. Otherwise, why this 11th-hour attempt involving the violation of basic human rights? The \$15-million MOU fund was promised for needed community projects that other Canadians take for granted and, besides, were guaranteed in the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement. These promises are being violated while democracy and self-government become a sad farce. It seems the Indian can't question the wisdom and desires of the Great White Father without consequence.

Since the Cree victory over the Great Whale project, we have been in an enviable position of power for a First Nation. This power could, and has been, translated into great achievements. We have no reason to subject our fundamental rights to blackmail over the forestry court case. Yes, by all means, let's negotiate. We've been waiting for this day for over 20 years. But let's keep the pressure of the case alive. After all, isn't this pressure the reason Quebec is now taking the Cree concerns seriously? Negotiating from a position of power would benefit the Cree Nation more.

by William Nicholls

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Team Pimpichuu

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I wasn't paranoid after all. It wasn't all that medication I was on. Just kidding. Seriously, I wasn't kidding. Every theory... okay, most of them... fear, offhand remark, accusation I made, seemingly in jest, on this humble page has come confirmed. Sort of.

What is it they say about bearers of bad news? Remember when the bearer of bad news was usually the gossip hanging around the Bay, the band office, the bar, the church or down by the river bank. These days it is usually us at The Nation who have that thankless job.

The Cree leadership have decided to suspend the \$600-million forestry lawsuit without consulting the people they are supposed to be serving. We suspected they wouldn't go ahead with the suit when it was first mentioned. Word came that someone had assured the forestry companies that the Crees would drop the suit.

Those consultation hearings you might have gone to were just to keep you quiet. It was all in their master plan. Keep the trappers whose lands would be affected quiet by launching a suit on their behalf and quietly drop it. Maybe they won't notice. Better yet, name a tallyman with a questionable background as lead plaintiff so if we don't actually drop the case we stand a better chance of losing. I believe that's called sabotage.

A well-known Nemaska tallyman saw through the charade and refused to sign his name to the suit when he was asked. He warned me at the time but I didn't listen. He knew something like this would take place.

I don't know about you but I'd be awfully embarrassed if I had put on my best suit, gathered the press and announced

to the world that I was suing someone for \$600 million, shed a tear or two for the land and then dropped the lawsuit less than two months later just so I could get my hands on a measly \$15 million.

Let's do the math. 600 million minus 15 million equals 585 million. That's \$585 million or \$48,750 every Cree man, woman and child can kiss good-bye. As the kids like to say in Nemaska, embarrassing!

Don't forget that's not counting the amount already spent on our lawyers to do the paperwork. You know how much those guys make. You don't? Well, one lawyer whose salary we looked at was making \$400,000 a year. That's six figures, so Will tells me. Not quite as much as Johnnie Cochrane's yearly income, but still, you could buy a lot of Italian suits with that.

I don't know if we would have had a chance to win the case. It would have set a precedent for sure. But that's the way it usually goes, it's the lawyers who win, whether they win the case or not.

What's scary is that the same thing could happen with Great Whale and the NBR projects. Our so-called leaders could be given an offer they can't refuse and will eagerly bend over to sign on the dotted line while Quebec gives it to them up the yin-yang. So to speak.

What should we call this scandal? Clinton has Monica-Gate, Chretien has Peppergate. Send in your suggestions for this "Gate." It needs a hip, catchy name like Forestrygate, Lordgate or whatever. It's your call. Thanks.

So anyway, by the time you read this the suit will probably have been dropped and the forestry companies are happily cutting down trees all over our land.

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CHIEFS DECIDE TO SUSPEND FORESTRY CASE

In a surprise move that has left many confused, Cree chiefs and Grand Chief Matthew Coon Come decided to temporarily suspend the Cree forestry lawsuit at a meeting on Sept. 15, sources reported.

The Cree leadership voted to enter negotiations with Quebec on forestry and will suspend the case when the talks start, said sources.

The decision followed intense pressure from the Quebec government and the 27 logging companies targeted in the lawsuit.

The Cree leadership took the move because Quebec threatened to cut off \$15-million in funding promised by the province under the "MOU" deal, sources said.

Chief Billy Diamond of Waskaganish, the head negotiator with Quebec, told the chiefs that the province wasn't coughing up any of the \$15 million, sources said. The funds were supposed to pay for community projects first promised in 1975.

The \$600-million-plus lawsuit was awaited for years by Cree hunters and trappers hurt by logging. It was launched after an extensive community consultation process. Each of the five affected communities gave their go-ahead and dozens of Cree co-plaintiffs signed on, everyone from the Grand Chief to trappers.

But few were consulted before the meeting where the case was suspended, held in Montreal. Many chiefs were surprised by the idea. Even most of the lawyers working on the case didn't know.

"What?! Where did you get that information? I'm working on the case right now," exclaimed one lawyer when informed of the decision. "It's news to me," said another star-

tled lawyer. "I've heard nothing at all about this."

Many Crees were disappointed by the news. "It's a sad day for the Crees," said one Cree official. "Quebec has taken us hostage. Given the consultation process we expected the Cree leadership to take a strong stand on behalf of the Cree people. As one chief said, the MOU has become nothing more than an IOU."

An official at the Cree-Naskapi Commission said the decision may not even have any legal basis, since it was made at a chiefs' meeting. The court action was originally approved at a meeting of the full Council/Board of the Grand Council of the Crees/Cree Regional Authority.

Under the law, Council/Board decisions can't in most cases be reversed by a chiefs' meeting, said the Commission official.

Grand Chief Matthew Coon Come was unavailable for comment due to the sudden passing away of Bill Grodinsky, a lawyer to the Crees for two decades.

Lawyer Jean-Sebastien Clément, who is working on the court action, said it is still on "for the moment." He said the Cree leadership decided to "propose negotiations with Quebec over a whole lot of issues, including forestry."

Clément added, "It's normal to have negotiations and litigation at the same time. We're not going to pull the litigation until we get something."

But a Cree source said the chiefs definitely did vote to suspend the case.

Besides compensation, the lawsuit sought an injunction on logging in James Bay and the annulment of the Quebec Forest Act.

LEAD FORESTRY PLAINTIFF UP ON DRUG CHARGES

Crees involved in the forestry court action were stunned at the news that the lead plaintiff, Mario Lord, was arrested on drug charges by the Sûreté du Québec in Chibougamau.

Lord was arrested on June 30 just outside Chibougamau and later charged with possession of 40 grams of hash, violation of probation and driving without a valid license, according to the SQ. The vehicle he was driving was seized. The case will be heard Nov. 11.

The probation violation goes back to an earlier brush with the law, according to the SQ. In 1997, Lord's firearms were seized and he was barred from handling a gun for 10 years after he was charged with pointing a gun at someone and uttering death threats, said the SQ.

Two weeks after his latest arrest, Lord was speaking on behalf of Crees at the Montreal press conference held in Montreal on July 15 to announce the launching of the \$600-million forestry lawsuit.

Lord, a youthful Waswanipi tallyman, spoke with passion about how he could no longer hunt because forestry companies had wiped out the trees of his trapline.

Lord couldn't be reached for a comment on the charges. But Cree officials were surprised by the news.

"That's news to me," said one chief. "It's the first time I was aware of it," said another chief. "It's hard to say if it would affect the case. Probably a good lawyer could discredit the case."

We couldn't reach Chief John Kitchen of Waswanipi for his comment, nor Romeo Saganash, who is acting as Kitchen's replacement while the chief is on a two-month sick leave.

Another plaintiff in the forestry case was frustrated and wondered if the case wasn't deliberately sabotaged by whoever chose Lord to be the lead plaintiff.

He said anybody else would have been a better choice to be the lead plaintiff. "We've got too much to lose."

As the lead plaintiff, Lord's name comes

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by Nation Staff

Setting the record straight!

Letter to *The Nation*.

Upon our return from a weekend moose hunt at our family trapline here Sunday night, we decided to pull in at Chibougamau to gas up and at the same time picked up copies of *The Nation* magazine. It was then we came across the "Conflict-of-interest alleged in park spat" article (Sept. 25, 1998). Our family was appalled, disgusted and deeply hurt by this allegation which may tarnish and smear my reputation. As we drove home from Chibougamau, not a word was spoken by my family. Obviously damage was done!

In your article you always seem to refer to a certain individual as "one concerned resident" or "The resident" or "one resident." Your readers must be wondering who this person is. Obviously this person is offended by the decision our people have made regarding the change to the Elders' park, and does not have the courage to have his/her name mentioned; instead he/she hides behind *The Nation* magazine. Many people consider this article to be

biased.

The decision of the people of Mistissini is totally undermined by regionalizing a local issue. This type of propaganda is totally uncalled-for, and most of our people do not support smear campaigns such as this! The Cree communities should be given the privacy to settle their own internal conflicts without having outside interference in their local affairs.

Our family submitted an application for a housing unit under the Rent-to-Own Program on January 6, 1998. We were officially informed on July 1, 1998, that we were one of the successful candidates to the Rent-to-Own Program. Under this program, you are given the opportunity to choose a lot where you want to construct your house. As far as we're concerned, we went through the proper channels to make this request as members of the Cree Nation of Mistissini. We were led to believe there were more applicants for this lot, and there was no guarantee we would get it.

As our Local Land Registrar has mentioned, there was an alternative site proposed as the new Elders' Park at the corner of St.

John Street and Pine Street. Our Elders expressed strong support at our Local Annual General Assembly to this change, and mentioned they would prefer to have the Elders Park near the stores and churches. Our Elders want to be integrated into the community and not isolated!

We would also like to clarify another allegation, where we are accused of moving from house to house at will without considering the housing needs of others. This is totally false as the house we applied for is not under the regular CMHC program but under the Rent-to-Own Program that was established under the Cree Nation of Mistissini. The objective of this program is to relieve the present CMHC housing units for other families. This will be our first time to move to another house after having lived in this same CMHC housing unit for 17 years!

We are also aware of a certain family that was in a similar predicament when they were assigned a housing unit under the Private Home Program. It took them two years to set

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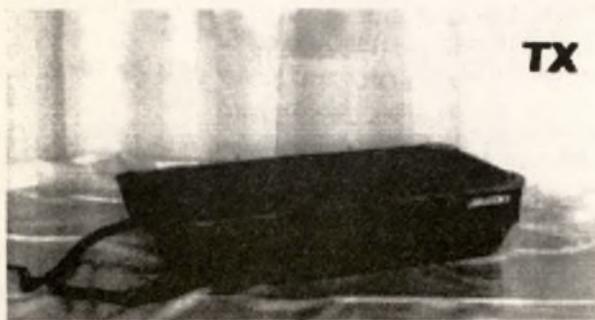
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HQ SAYS CONTROVERSIAL HERBICIDE IS SAFE

Hydro-Quebec sprayed tens of thousands of litres of a highly toxic plant-killing chemical which was a major component of Agent Orange at its facilities last year, *The Nation* has learned.

The herbicide 2,4-D can cause cancer and other severe illnesses in people and animals, according to many studies. But Hydro says there's nothing to worry about.

"Numerous studies recognized by the scientific community show the absence of negative impacts for animals (from Hydro's herbicides)," says one utility pamphlet.

But many studies show otherwise. In large amounts, 2,4-D can kill people and animals, the studies say. In smaller doses it can cause cancer, genetic damage to human blood cells and reproductive problems in animals.

The herbicide was a major ingredient in Agent Orange, used with devastating results as a defoliant in the Vietnam War by the U.S. government.

The use of 2,4-D has sparked an outcry in the U.S., where workers who spray it report acute health problems. Yet, 2,4-D, under a formulation called Tordon 101, is by far Hydro's most widely used herbicide. Over 50,000 litres was sprayed last year.

Hydro sprays herbicides to control irksome plants growing on its facilities. They are usually showered out of an aircraft. The herbicides can drift up to 800 metres from the target when sprayed in this way.

The Nation first asked for information about Hydro-Quebec's herbicide program after a call from a Chisasibi resident concerned about the problem. Getting any information out of Hydro-Quebec proved to be no easy task. In July, we requested details about

where herbicides are used, in what amounts, environmental-impact studies, what controls exist to minimize ecological damage, etc.

We received a one-paragraph written response from Gérard Verzeni, Hydro's director of dam security, who said simply that all "vegetation control" is done in accordance with the regulations of the Environment Ministry and Hydro-Quebec. No other information was given. A Hydro-Quebec spokesman was asked for more details, but he was unable to be of help.

In August, we filed an access-to-information request to find out more. After a month, we got back a short Hydro document about herbicide use in James Bay. It says plant control there is "principally" done using the herbicide Roundup.

The Pesticide Action Network, based in California, says Roundup is "acutely toxic to animals, including humans." It is famous in Japan, where it is often used by people trying to commit suicide. A study of 56 cases of Roundup poisoning found that drinking 3/4 of a cup is lethal.

Studies have found Roundup can also cause genetic damage in human blood cells; testicular tumours, reduced sperm count, fetal death and thyroid cancer in rats; and kidney tumours in mice.

After getting this document, we filed a second access-to-information request seeking more details. Hydro sent a letter saying it used 167 litres of Roundup at its La Grande dykes and dams last year and, this year, 230 litres -- enough to kill 1,280 people if ingested. Hydro also uses herbicides under its northern power lines, but wouldn't reveal how much or which ones.

By Alex Roslin

Bill Grodinsky, 1950-1998

The Crees lost, as Chief Billy Diamond put it, a fellow human being. Bill Grodinsky died September 23 in a Chisasibi hotel room while he was in town on business.

The service and funeral were held Sunday, September 27. Billy Diamond delivered Bill's eulogy during the service at Paperman and Son's funeral home in Montreal, followed by his two eldest sons.

The synagogue was packed with family and friends, including those who came in on the three charters from the Cree territory. After the service, the congregation made its way to Beaconsfield for the burial. Afterwards there was a gathering at the family's home for some food which is traditionally served during the mourning period.

Bill is survived by his wife, Maureen, and three sons. He was 48.

Coalition targets corruption

There's a grassroots uprising throughout Indian Country. Men and women from reserves in Western Canada are banding together and speaking out.

They're protesting against living in poverty while the chief and council live in comfort, of funds destined for community programs disappearing without explanation, of electoral systems ripe for fraud and the complacency of Indian Affairs for not putting a stop to the abuses.

"All we want is financial accountability. It's not that we're attacking the leadership. We want to improve life on the reserves," said Rita Galloway, founder of the First Nations Accountability Coalition and a member of the Pelican Lake First Nation in Saskatchewan. The coalition now has a membership of 1,500.

Galloway never intended to become an activist, but when several Elders from her reserve asked her to investigate how the chief and council were handling the reserve's funds, she felt compelled to take action. "I had a paper trail and when I went to Indian Affairs they said not to worry. It's happening all over," Galloway said.

FNAC is in contact with grassroots groups in other provinces. Its Manitoba chapter held a four-day protest demanding accountability at a local Indian Affairs office.

-SOURCE: FIRST PERSPECTIVE



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Of all the people who have existed, Jesus is by far one of the most fascinating, if not one of the most loved, of all men.

Jesus the Man is the work of Barbara Theirring, an experienced biblical scholar. When she first began studying the life of Jesus in greater detail, her purpose was to discount the growing number of biblical scholars who argued that Jesus was not the man that the Roman Catholic Church would have us believe he was.

Not only were her discoveries unable to support the Church's teachings but they actually showed that the Church, through systematic manipulation and deceit, used Jesus as a means to increase its own power to continue its quest for world domination and wealth.

There are many arguments presented in this book that will be seen by some as heretical, outrageous and scandalous: Jesus was not born of virgin birth, Jesus did not die on the cross, and therefore, was not resurrected, to name but just a couple.

Her book is part of a growing body of literature spawned by the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls in the 1940s. The Scrolls were released by the Vatican only 50 years later, earlier this decade.

The ancient writings call into question some of the most cherished teachings of the Church.

Theirring succeeds at finding a writing style that is reader-friendly for those of us who are non-academics.

Along with illustrations of the Qumran excavation site where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered and a long bibliography, this book whets your thirst for more information on the history of Christianity.

Obviously, this is not a book for those whose religious beliefs prevent them from considering alternative points of view.

However, if you are an open-minded, spiritual person who seeks the TRUTH, regardless of whether this truth contradicts what you think to be the TRUTH, this book will change your life forever.

Nungak resigns

Zebedee Nungak has quit his job as president of the Makivik Corporation after an outcry over his alcohol abuse and irregularities in his work performance.

Nungak resigned at a meeting of Makivik's board of directors on Sept. 18, called to confront him with allegations of erratic behaviour caused by alcohol abuse.

"We want people to be aware that we're not going to take this situation," Makivik treasurer Pita Aatami said.

"In Nunavik people are aware that there is a booze problem. People are aware of it, and we want people to understand that we are doing something about it."

Aatami will serve as interim president until a new president is chosen when the Inuit of Northern Quebec go to the polls

on Oct. 22.

"I need to devote undivided attention to my health and wellness, as well as my large, growing family," Nungak said in a press release shortly after he announced his resignation.

"I have to step off the Makivik train and spend time to heal some scars resulting from long absences from my family and community."

Nungak has been active in the Inuit political world for over two decades. He co-founded the Northern Quebec Inuit Association and was a signatory to the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement.

Nungak himself took over as president in 1995 after Simeonie Nalukturuk resigned over an alcohol-related motor vehicle accident in Montreal.

-SOURCE: NUNATSIAQ NEWS

Drug charges

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first among all the Cree plaintiffs in the case, a list that includes dozens of tallymen and hunters, several chiefs, the Grand Chief, the five bands affected by logging and the Grand Council of the Crees.

Jean-Sebastien Clément, one of the lawyers on the case, said his office heard "rumours" about the charges some time ago, but "it wasn't confirmed."

The rumours apparently weren't passed on to officials at the Grand Council of the Crees, who didn't know of the charges until informed by *The Nation*.

Grand Chief Matthew Coon Come wasn't available to discuss the situation because of the sudden passing away of lawyer Bill Grodinsky, who worked for the Crees for two decades.

Lawyer James O'Reilly, the lead counsel on the case, said Lord told some Cree officials shortly before the case was

launched he had "certain problems," though it's not clear if he went into details.

Lord said he wanted to overcome the problems and work to help his people, according to O'Reilly.

O'Reilly said he sees no reason to take Lord's name off the case. "Under the law anyone is presumed innocent until proven guilty," he said. "Who doesn't have some kind of story or history? You've got a lot of skeletons in a lot of closets. There have been a lot of incidents where a lot of Indians got in trouble with the law."

"That's irrelevant and potentially discriminatory. If someone's property is attacked, it doesn't matter whose property it is. Even the Mafia is still allowed to protect its property," O'Reilly said.

"It could be tough (if opposing lawyers bring up the charges)," he conceded, "but we could object, saying it has nothing to do with forestry. (The alleged drug possession could be part of the personal trauma (caused by logging). It's not fatal."

-BY ALEX ROSLIN

Letters

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tie a lot dispute within the same vicinity. As a result, their house had to be constructed late into the fall season that incurred additional expenses.

After talking to our soon-to-be neighbours,

we understand only a few people are up in arms regarding this lot, and the rest are welcoming my family with open arms!

When we applied for this lot we didn't realize such a dispute would occur, and that it would reach this stage. We had no intention to create such a conflict!

Thomas Neeposh
Member, Cree Nation of Mistissini

PIMPICHHU MAKE SNOWMOBILE HISTORY

By William Nicholls

At the recent snowmobile show held in Montreal I had a chance to meet Yamaha Canada's latest addition to snowmobile racing, Team Yamaha Pimpichuu. To my knowledge this is the first all-Aboriginal team to officially become a factory racing team. I interviewed the Cree-history-making team starting with captain Larry MacLeod and his two racers, Norman and Claude Coonishish. Michael Prince, the team manager, tells me that the Raid des Braves has a chance of happening.

The Nation: When did you find out that you guys were Team Yamaha Pimpichuu?

Larry MacLeod: Well, we got invited to a show in St. Jerome near Montreal. We went over there with a list we had made ourselves. We had a small list of what we were going to ask Yamaha for this year. They were willing to sponsor us. Mike, our manager, and myself decided that we'd let Yamaha start the talking first. We asked them what they were willing to give. Finally they gave more than we asked them for so we never showed them our list. They gave double what we had considered asking for.

What did you get?

Well, we're getting four free machines, the 700 Mountain Max triple models, about \$10,000 in free parts, clothing for everybody, that's about 15 people including the women. Our part of the deal is to promote Yamaha and the machines.

You're the first Native factory racing team I guess?

Yes, you could say that. It feels great. It feels good. I'm hoping to get a better deal next year if it goes good.

Do you think it will go good?

Yes. I think it will go good if everything goes the way we want it to. If we make no mistakes. All it takes sometimes is one mistake.

Are you getting salaries?

No, one day, maybe eventually. [laughter]

I guess you'll be looking for other sponsors?

Yeah, we definitely need other sponsors for this because the machines and parts, etc. come up to \$70,000 but our entry fee is \$10,000. If the Raid des Braves or another one like it goes through that's another \$8,500. Then we still have our gas to pay, the mechanics, the lodging and the food.

How many races are you looking at?

Right now we're looking at three mini-races of three days, 350 kilometres each. The big race is 2,500 kilometres. If the Raid goes through that's another 3,000 k's there.

The mini-races are in January, one's in Quebec, one's in Lac St. Jean and there's contacts being made in Ouje-Bougoumou, Chibougamau and Mistissini. If everyone says yes then there'll be one. Hopefully everyone will say yes.

How do you feel about all this?

Norman Coonishish: I feel good. I'm ready to race!

How do feel about promoting Yamaha and being a factory racer?

It feels good to be a part of a factory racing team. We've got just about everything we need to have a good year but, yes, we're looking for more sponsors



Norman, Larry and Claude.

"...it will go good if everything goes the way we want..."

Claude Coonishish: I'm happy that Yamaha is sponsoring us. We will try to win again. We would like to help Yamaha. So more snowmobiles will be bought... That's why we're with Yamaha.

Claude's statement was translated from Cree to English. My thanks to Neil for his assistance

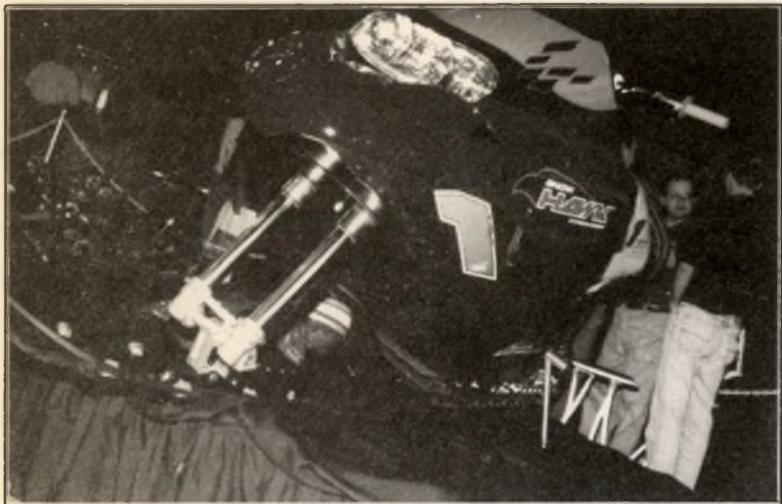
So this is the first time a Native team has been sponsored as a factory racing team?

Yamaha Canada Representative: Yes, and actually it's the first time in Canada that Yamaha Canada is sponsoring a team. It's usually only the U.S. that sponsors teams. We have decided to go with Team Pimpichuu.

Obviously we know they are winners and I'm sure they're going to perform very well this year. They're good people to be with. Michael Prince is an excellent person in marketing. He's the one who brought the team to Yamaha. I would have to say they are a perfect team altogether.

It's a perfect match between the team and Yamaha. I hope and I'm convinced this relationship could last many years.

For the team's resume turn to page 13



The Falcon.



Serge Racette with his VK and sled.



The Mach Z

It's all about toys. Right? Right. Now that we have cleared that up, there were a heck of a lot of toys to choose from at the Super Salon de la Motoneige 1998 at Montreal's Claude Robillard Centre.

The star of the show (besides Yamaha Pimpichuu) was the Falcon produced by AD Boivin Design Inc., who invented a suspension system which was bought by Bombardier. The Falcon is a cross between a street bike, motocross bike and a snowmobile, all rolled into one. So imagine a street bike, you know those ones, the Ninja types, with a motocross suspension connected to a mini snowmobile track. That is the Falcon.

I saw the promotional video for it and it seems to perform like no other. It went where other machines would bog down in deep powder. That kind where you-need-a-running-start-or-else-you-get-stuck-kind-of powder. Even with the relatively short track it just powered right through. The suspension has a travel of... um... if I remember correctly... 15 inches! Doubling the travel of most machines nowadays. I asked the guy if they incorporated any alien technology into their design. With a knowing look, he said, yes. Actually he said it with a big smile. The Falcon goes into production in two years.

Next on the wish list was Bombardier's top-of-the-line Mach, looking suspiciously like the fabled Lynx, a snowmobile made in Finland. Bombardier also bought that company. I guess that technology finally made it over here. The colours are awesome (I never thought I'd get to use that word... awesome) on that machine. The other machines were pretty cool also.

We met this guy who wants to go around Quebec and Labrador. No, really... around. He wants to go around. His name is Serge Racette and he's raising funds for the Foundation Dr. Jacques Paradis Inc., a medical foundation based in La Sarre, Quebec. He will leave March 1999 from La Sarre and work his way up to the James Bay coast to Ungava and end on the North Shore of the St. Lawrence. A trip totaling 7,000 km. Keep your eye out for him.

There were all kinds of booths with innovative products to offer. Neil and I had our eyes on the big fuzzy boots. The various tourism agencies from the different regions were also there. Ouje-Bougoumou was representing with their booth, marketing the various packages they have to offer. By the way, there were some work machines there also. Next time I'll bring along some cash for the big fuzzy boots.

Ernest Webb



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Team Résumé

Team: Yamaha-Pimpichuu
Snowmobiles: Yamaha 'Mountain Max 700'
Community: Cree Nation of Mistissini

Racers

Name:	Larry MacLeod
Age:	30
Weight:	225 lbs. - 102 kg
Height:	5'11" - 1.8 metres
Experience:	"Raid des Braves" 4th overall 1994 "Chisasibi Raid" 1st overall 1994 "Raid des Braves" 2nd overall 1995 "Raid des Braves" 2nd overall 1996 "Chisasibi Raid" 1st overall 1996 "Raid des Braves" 1st overall 1997 "Raid des Braves" 1st overall 1998

Name:	Norman Coonishish
Age:	34 years old
Weight:	195 lbs. - 88.5 kg
Height:	5'8" - 1.72 metres
Experience:	"Harricana" mechanical problems 1991 "Harricana" 5th overall 1992 "Harricana" spare driver 1993 "Raid des Braves" 4th overall 1994 "Chisasibi Race" 1st overall 1994 "Raid des Braves" 2nd overall 1995 "Raid des Braves" 2nd overall 1996 "Raid des Braves" 1st overall 1998

Name:	Claude Coonishish
Age:	31 years old
Weight:	186 lbs. - 84 kg
Height:	5'6" - 1.67 metres
Experience:	"Raid des Braves" 4th overall 1994 "Chisasibi Race" 1st overall 1994 "Raid des Braves" 2nd overall 1995 "Chibougamau Rally" mech. problems 1996 "Raid des Braves" 1st overall 1998

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Best Band Council

Worst Band Council

Cree Most Likely to Change the System

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Best Cook

Best Musician

Best Artist

Best Cultural Contribution

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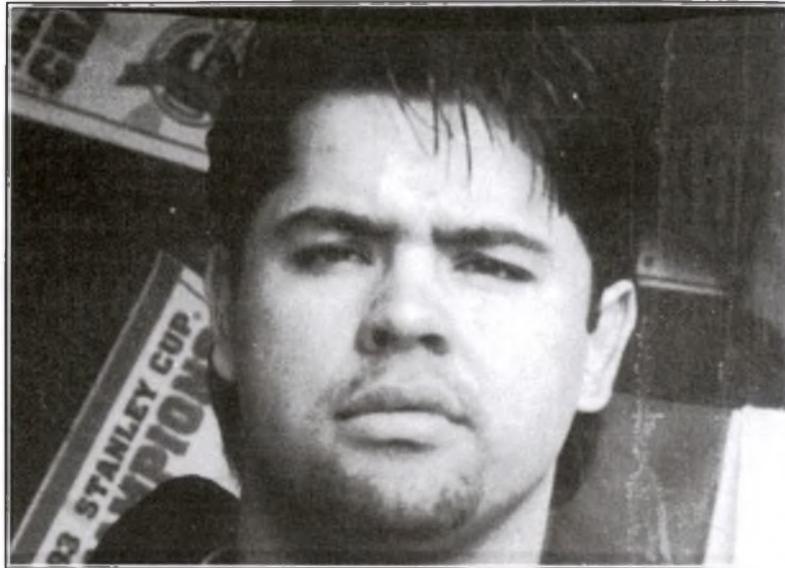
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If I were Grand Chief (please continue)...

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HOCKEY NEWS



Brant Blackned's name in the hockey world appears on banners across Canada. From the Midget AAA "Les Forestières d'Amos," Blackned was drafted by the Quebec Major Junior hockey team "Titans de Laval." Following a transaction, Blackned was traded to the "Halifax Mooseheads," in Nova Scotia, where he ended his junior career. From there, several opportunities opened for Blackned as he was chosen to head for the "United Hockey League" in Thunder Bay, Ontario.

Blackned is back pursuing his professional hockey career for a third season with the "Thunder Cats," in the United Hockey League.

Blackned keeps scoring... and accumulating team records.

Hockey season 1997/98

#44 Brant Blackned

POSITION: Left Wing
HEIGHT: 6'0"
WEIGHT: 200

AGE: 23
STATUS: 2nd year
ORIGIN: Wemindji, James Bay, Quebec
LAST YEAR: Thunder Bay (UHL)
JUNIOR TEAM: Halifax Mooseheads
(QMJHL)
GP 73
G 63
A 70
PTS 133
PIM 84
SHOTS 304
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1997/98 UHL Awards

ALL STARS TEAM

Goaltender: Jon Hillebrandt, Binghamton
Icemen
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Centre: Paul Polillo, Brantford Smoke
Left Wing: Brant Blackned, Thunder Cats
Right Wing: Robin Bouchard, Muskegon
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SCORING LEADERS

Points	Team	GP	G	A	PTS
Firth, Jason	TBY	69	69	99	162
Polillo, Paul	BRN	70	47	115	162
Blackned, Brant	TBY	73	63	70	133

GOALS

Points	Team	GP	G
Firth, Jason	TBY	69	63
Blackned, Brant	TBY	73	63

POWER PLAY GOALS

Points	Team	PPG
Wells, Marty	BNG	25
Blackned, Brant	TBY	23

GAME WINNING GOALS

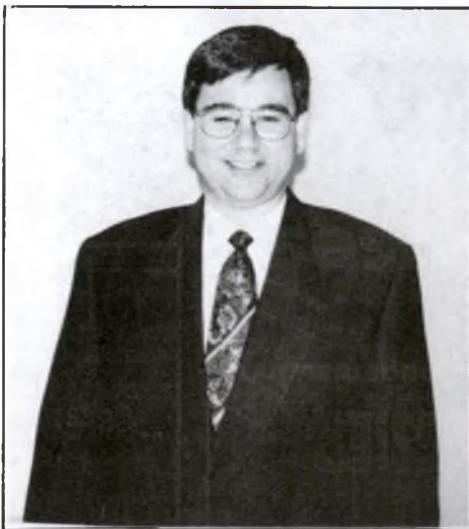
Points	Team	PPG
Blackned, Brant	TBY	9

Also from Wemindji, the Hughboy brothers are rising in the Eastern Ontario Minor Hockey League. Timothy joined the Nepean Raiders Midget AAA, while younger brother Nicholas plays for the same organization in Pee Wee AAA! Some boys whom parents Walter and Deborah can be proud of! Hockey for now!

BY DOLORES AUDET-WASHIRABANO

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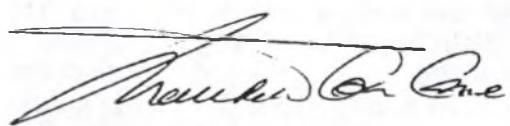
Bill Grodinsky, the long-time Corporate Secretary to the Grand Council of the Crees/Cree Regional Authority, recently passed away. He will always be remembered for his commitment to the Cree people. He will be remembered for the friendly way in which he worked with the Cree leadership, employees of Cree entities and people in the Cree communities.

He was one of us in spirit and will be greatly missed.

Let us remember his work as an inspiration to all of us in our efforts to protect Cree rights and to improve the quality of life for the Cree people.

Bill's family supported him and his work throughout the years. We must be mindful of their sacrifice and loss at the present time.

For those of us who worked closely with him, Bill will always have a place in our minds and hearts.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew Coon Come".

Grand Chief Matthew Coon Come



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The Friendship Centre's own Rodney doing the women's Grass Dance as part of a challenge for the 50-50 draw.



Statue at A'nowara

WEEKEND PARTY INDIAN STYLE

by William Nicholls

Organizers called the Native Friendship Center of Montreal's 17th annual Pow Wow, held on September 12-13, one of the urban Aboriginal events of the year.

I love Pow Wow's. They provide an opportunity for people to get together and join in dancing, singing, visiting, renewing old friendships and making new ones. Often it brings families together who may live apart throughout the year. Also it is a chance to demonstrate and display artistic ability with the many arts and crafts common to Native people. Pow Wows are more than social events. They are a time of learning and carrying on a rich cultural heritage. There is spiritual significance in each dance, song, and custom observed. The Pow Wow provides an opportunity for our young to learn from our Elders and to carry on the tradition.

At this year's Pow Wow I did something different besides just going out to enjoy myself. I volunteered my services along with others. The only thing I asked from the Pow Wow committee was that I would have time to take photos of the event. As a result I received one of the easiest jobs. I was a host to the drums and dancers. I had to make sure that throat lozenges, water and other creature comforts were on hand at all times.

During the Pow Wow I had my son Eric with me. A relative newcomer to the city, it worried me that I couldn't keep a close eye on him but other workers helped. That's the spirit of a Pow Wow, that helping hand and caring for others. My son spent most of the time dancing whenever it was allowed. At the end one of the women dancers he spent a lot of time with came up and took him by the hand him off to an Indian version of a Sadie Hawkins dance. For those of you not in the know this is a dance where the female of the species asks the male out.

The usual vendors were there, my favourite being the birchbark fanatics. Almost anything you wanted was there. My compliments to the Friendship Center on the great country food.

One of the stands involved Native youth. To join this new group you have to be 10-30 years old. They're calling on all young rising spirits to join them. Next meeting of this new Aboriginal Youth Council is 15th of October at 5 p.m. It's happening at the Native Friendship Center of Montreal located at 2001 St. Laurent. Call 514-499-1854 ext. 231 if you want more info.

I also had a chance to visit the latest Native store called A'nowara Crafts in Montreal. All handicrafts are actually made by hand and are some of the best work I've seen in a long time. Interested parties in either buying or selling should call 514-398-0710. For those of you lucky enough to visit Montreal with some time on your hands should visit the shop. It's located in Old Montreal at Marché Bonsecours at 350 St. Paul East, local 205.

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Weddings

BY XAVIER KATAQUAPIT

Often I get ideas for this column from events and things that happen around me. There is a wedding coming up in my family. My cousin Irene Rose is going to marry a young man by the name of Ashley Allard. They are currently living and working in Wemindji, a community on the east side of James Bay. This upcoming event got me to thinking about weddings in a Native way.

Tonight, when I talked over the telephone to my dad up in Attawapiskat, I learned that many of the women in the family have already flown ahead to Wemindji to help with this festive event. I know that my grandmother Louise, my mom Susan and my aunt Cecile (Irene's mom) and my aunt Theresa are all excited about helping to make the marrying couples' day a great success. I know also that the food will be fantastic with these women assisting with the feast.

Weddings are major events in Attawapiskat and everyone gets involved in the excitement and energy of two people getting married. These are the modern-day weddings that happen in churches with ceremonies very much like those anywhere else in Canada. Usually, in Attawapiskat,

the school gym is used for the reception, supper and dance. Almost everybody shows up for this celebration. After all it is a close-knit community.

After thinking for a while about this topic of weddings, I began to wonder what it was like in the early days, before religion and before the coming of the Europeans. I decided to give a friend, Betty Lincez, a wonderful Aboriginal artist, a call. Luckily, for me she was being visited by several people from up the coast and one of them, Paul Wesley of Kashechewan, agreed to give me some information from a traditional perspective.

He explained that in the early days, a young Cree man had to prove to his own family that he was capable of living on his own, surviving and raising a family before he could think of taking a mate. Once a man had proven his capability then he could proceed to the family of a woman he admired to ask for permission to take her as a wife. The woman's family would consider whether their daughter was ready to be with this man and if she could perform all the necessary tasks to make the union a success. When both families had time to think this over and the young man and woman had time to consider this change in their lives, a decision would be made.

Once the decision was made to go ahead with the wedding a ceremony was prepared and conducted by a medicine man or Elder in the community. This event would include the pipe ceremony and also the giving of gifts by the groom to the bride. Once the ceremony was completed, the celebration started with feasting, singing, dancing and games. This celebration lasted four days.

Although the new couple started a new life, they were still very much a part of the community and their education in parenting and surviving and succeeding in this union was ongoing by parents, grandparents and the community at large.

I know that Irene and Ashley will have the best of both worlds in a modern-day ceremony and the care, affection and assistance from their families and the community they live in. It is my hope that their love will take them through the ups and downs of married living, smoothly and for a very long, prosperous and satisfying life together.



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Leave this lonely world of ours
Escape the sorrow and the pain
And fly again

Fly, Fly precious one
Your endless journey has begun
Take your gentle happiness
Far too beautiful for this
Cross over to the other shore
There is peace forever more
But hold this memory bittersweet
Until we meet

Fly, Fly do not fear
Don't waste a breath, don't shed a tear
Your heart is pure, your soul is free
Be on your way, don't wait for me
Above the universe you'll climb
On beyond the hands of time
The moon will rise, the sun will set
But I won't forget

Fly, Fly little wing
Fly where only angels sing
Fly away, the time is right
Go now, find the light.

This is a song I am dedicating to my late cousin sister Carol Matches-Snowboy, who left us on July 19, 1998. You will always be in my thoughts and prayers and in my heart. I will always cherish the moments we had together. I shared my good and bad times with you and you shared yours with me because that is how much we trusted each other. I will always remember the last time we spent together. We said jokes as we always did. We had fun. Carol, I will sadly miss you but someday we'll meet again.

With love always: Your cousin sister Edith Matches-Gunner. Rest in peace my cousin sister, my friend.

Note: If somebody wants to hear this song, it's a song by Celine Dion that she dedicated to her cousin, who died of cancer.



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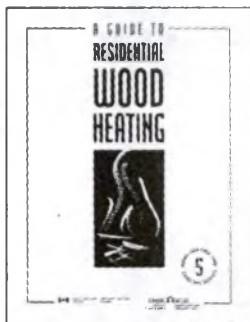
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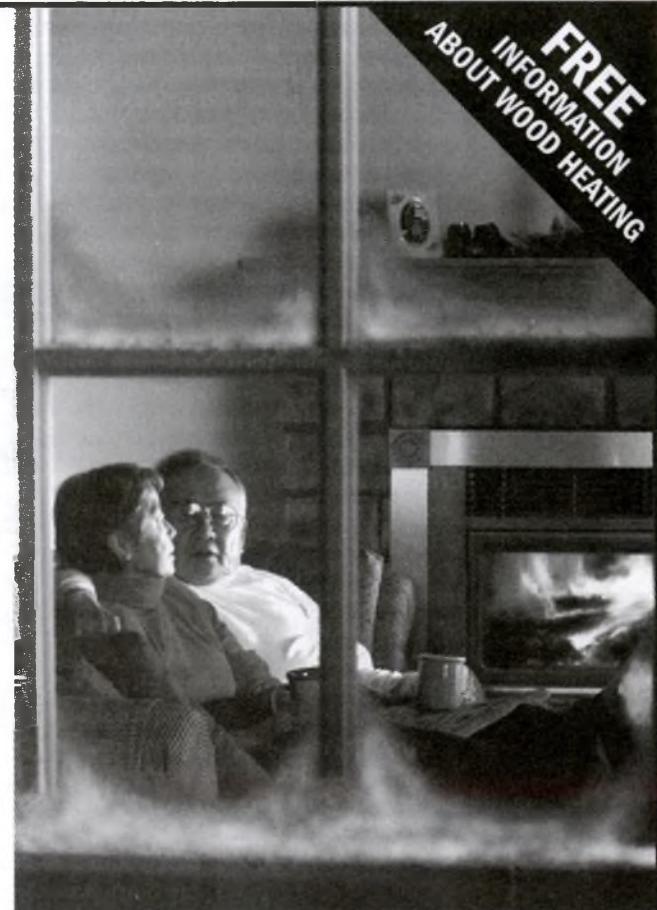
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It's the new kid charging up your engine block

BY WILLIAM NICHOLLS

Did your car battery freeze this winter? Did you have pay to get a boost because of the cold? There's a solution that you may not have heard about. Mohawks Juanita Cree, Deborah Etienne and Robert Giroux from Kanehsatake have entered into a business that may help you out.

It's a co-venture with Thermo-Tech, which produces ThermOil, a battery that is oil-based. Today's vehicles usually sport the acid-based batteries. Why is this important?

Bill Smith, a Thermo-Tech technician, claims that oil-based batteries not only increase the working life of a battery by 40 per cent but also actually recharge themselves up to 80 per cent of their original charge in only 30 minutes.

Smith said the need for a boost during the winter would be minimized. You could wait the 30 minutes and go out and crank the engine yourself. This battery won't freeze until it's -70 degrees Celsius outside. Exploding batteries aren't likely with this new battery, Smith added. The toxic odors from regular batteries that make some people sick aren't around, either.

Lab tests from Battery Council International in Chicago say that the oil-based batteries tested outperform the typical acid-based batteries in most areas and figure comparatively in all others. The BCI tests do say that a distinct advantage for the oil-based battery is in environment impact, the recharging and as well as storing electricity.

The Mohawks are clearly happy to work out a deal with Thermo-Tech. "Thermo-Tech has been very good and our immediate goal is to lock-down the Quebec market," said Juanita Cree.

Fred McMannis, president of Thermo-Tech, was above-board. "If a Native company was interested in a co-venture, we were open to it. We had an interest in working with Natives if it's fruitful for us," said McMannis. After deliberation a deal was struck.

Mohawk management consultant Malcolm O'Brien said there was an interesting factor of the co-venture deal. Kahnastake or Kanehsatake may become future battery production sites. This would help the local economy, says O'Brien. No major equipment is needed to produce or convert batteries, which is an advantage, he said.

McMannis confirmed the deal saying that Cree and partners are distributors with an option to become manufacturers. "This would be done on a basis where they would buy our patented oil mixture. This way it's of benefit to them and us. That's the path we seem to be on. Right now the ball is in their court," McMannis added.

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Life is too short to be wasting time
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Step forward constantly
Never look back
The future holds more than the past ever did
Therefore open your eyes
Embrace your potential
Let it carry you into the great wonders of your mind
Don't set standards for yourself
Set standards that people will strive on
Be a leader forget to follow
Don't collect dust on your ambitions
Keep your faith fresh and steady
Put forth your best
Attempt to exceed time and time over
Trust your dreams for they are so easy to achieve
If you truly believe in yourself
Therefore believe...

Teach me

Teach me how to pray
Teach me to walk in harmony
Teach me the good and bad
Teach me the good things
Teach me to accept and forgive
Teach me to respect the beauty of mother nature
Teach me to be kind with myself
Teach me to believe in myself
Teach me to understand a way of life
Teach me to get in touch with my feelings
Teach me to communicate with my partner
Teach me to teach my children, so I may learn from them
Teach me to learn from my mistakes
Teach me not to judge or criticize my brother
Teach me to have an open mind
Teach me to develop these hidden gifts
Teach me to be humble as a sacred warrior
Teach me, Oh Great Spirit, Teach Me.

BY JOSEPH (JOEY) ESAU
WASKAGANISH

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Congratulations! To
Harriet and David on the
birth of their baby boy
whose name is Tyler. He
was born in the early
hours of August 1, 98 at
Chibougamau Hospital.
From April and June in
Waswanipi.

101-BIRTHDAYS

A very happy birthday
to a beautiful daughter
Janet Bobbish |Erless on
October 7. On that day
heaven sent me a beau-
tiful baby daughter and
has ever since been my
pride and joy. She makes
the sun shine on a cloudy
day with her smiles and
laughter. Love mom

We would like to send our love and birthday greetings to our nephew Gabriel Neacappo on Sep-

tember 23. Hope your day will be as special as you are. Happy birthday and many more years to come. Lots of hugs and kisses From Melina and Savannah. P.S. we love you very much.

Happy 10th birthday to Terence Matoush on September 18 and many more to come, with lots of love and kisses from mom and dad. Xoxoxo.

Happy 18th birthday to my auntie Bianca Icebound in Waswanipi on October 1st. 1998. Wishing you the best in life I hope you have a wonder birthday. Sorry I can't be there with you. Sorry I can't be there with you. When you celebrate your 18th birthday. But I send you my love to you. I love you. Hope to see you soon. Your nephew in Ojay. Baby Redfern.

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Happy 18th birthday to my sister in Waswanipi, Bianca icebound on October 1st, 1998. We hope you have a wonderful time on your special day. May all your dreams come true. We send our love to you. P.s. Take care don't party too much. Hope me and the baby will be seeing you soon. With love, sis. Lorraine and Claude.

We would like to wish a happy birthday to Barry Blackned in Wask. On Sept. 30th. Happy birthday Barry and many more to come.

Wishing a happy 16th birthday to a caring sister Melinda Georgekish on October 15, 1998 A sister is a special friend who shares your joys and tears. Who listens to your secrets and grows deeper with the years. At least that's how you've always been. I want to say I hope you're happy always and especially your birthday.

With love always, your sister Pamela. Once again happy birthday. Love always, your sister Pamela. |And hope all your dreams come true. P.S. Take care of yourself.

A belated birthday wish to my friend Melissa Gull on September 7th. Hope you had a great time on your birthday and don't party too much. From a friend in Waskaganish.

Belated birthday wishes to our brothers Gilbert Greg on September 3rd and Sidney on October 2nd. Although these birthday wishes are coming a bit late, it doesn't mean your birthday isn't important to us. Because it is and so are you guys! Hope you two had a wonderful time on your birthdays. With love always, your sisters Pamela and Melinda.

We would like to wish Barry Blackned a happy birthday on September 23rd. From Lorraine and Bob

(Waskaganish)

Birthday wishes going out to NeeshaChanan Amy Ann Julia Shecapio who will turn two on October 17. From Your third namesake and auntie Brenda Weistche. Xoxoxoxo I love you. (Wask.)

Happy birthday to you, happy birthday to you, happy birthday to Neeshan Chanan, happy birthday to youuuuu. Happy 2nd birthday Neesha. From your cuz, Kevinsh. Xoxoxoxo (wask.)

Happy birthday to my two nephews . First, Albert Gilpin Jr. On October 5, 98 and second, Austin Snowboy on October 16, 98 (2nd birthday) With lots of love and kisses to you both. From Auntie Joanne. (Chis.)

A special birthday wish to our first grandchild Brenda St. Pierre on September 30. Welcome to your teen years and we wish you all the very best. In love and prayers

grandpa and grandma in Ojay.

Happy birthday to Barry Blackned in Waskaganish

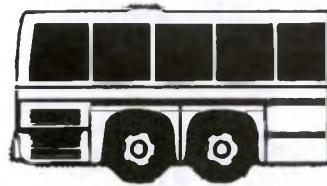
Happy birthday to Lance on the 29th of October (wasw.) Miss you. From Nerd in Waskaganish.

Happy 15th birthday to Pamela Annie HappyJack on October 14, 1998. Have a blast without drinking. Ha! From your cousin Anita Katapatuk in Waskaganish. (have a slumber party instead. Don't bother going out.) Ha!

Happy birthday to you Pam on the 14th. I miss you. I wish I was with you so you can baby-sit me. I stared calling you mom. Right? Hope to see you very soon.. With love, Marina Meyaubin Claire |Happyjack. (Waskaganish)

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Congratulations to Shirley and Jason Shecapio on their wedding on September



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102-WEDDINGS

Congratulations to Shirley and Jason Shecapio on their wedding on September 26, 98. Wishing you the best life has to offer. May God bless you richly. Love, From Stacey, Virginia, Kathleen, Evadney.

103-ANNIVERSARIES

Happy first anniversary to my sister and her husband Annie and Ralph C. On October 16, 98. May the good lord bless you both with love and happiness for years to come. From your sister Joanne.

300-PERSONALS

Heh! You from Nemaska with the gorgeous eyes, you know who you are. You gave me the most wonderful, magical passionate night of my life in Val d'Or (L'Escale) You gave me a birthday to remember. Hope to see you again soon. From somebody who's a part of you now. (Mist) P.S. remember my idea you thought it was good.

Hello to Eva and Joey Gilpin in Chisasibi. We miss U. See U soon. From Cherilyn (Boodoo) and Julia from Wemindji.

To a special person in my life David Wapachee. Everyday when I think about you and wonder how did I get so lucky to have you. You're special to me in

every way. You always seem to brighten up my days. Remember that you are the only one for me. And I love you so much. From Melinda Georgekish.

Hello to our grandma and grandpa in Waswanipi, Clarence and Clara Blacksmith. Just wanted to say we miss you and we love you. From Calvin and Meyaubinsh in Waskaganish.

Desperately seeking "Wrinkles Matoush from Mistissini. Where are you girl? And what in the world are you up to? Please write to me once you come across this ad. By the way, happy belated birthday on August 17. Anyway.. Until I hear from you. TMC. Mistissini.

Hi to our best friend Anne Marie Weetaltuk in Whapmagoostui. How are you? Hope you come back to Chisasibi soon. Call us later. You know our numbers. From your buddies in Chisasibi. Corrinna and Susan.

Hi to our friend in Montreal Enomey Masty. So, how's life as a college girl? Did you have fun this summer? We sure did! Well we hope to see you again next summer or sooner! From Nathania and Desiree. Wasw. P.S. Write to us you ponk @#\$\$%&* mofo! Oh

yeah! Happy late birthday!

Please call me now Eve. I know that you know who I am. I try to forget you but I just can't. I still love you. I want the whole Cree Nation to know. From Bill (Sigma)

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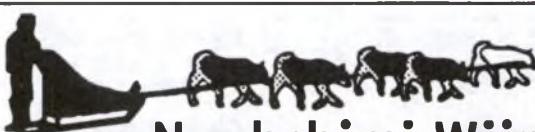
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